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### **Mark Davis Appointed Deputy Commissioner of the Dept. of Commerce**

Commerce, Community and Economic Development Commissioner Bill Noll announced today that Mark Davis, current Division Director for Banking and Securities, will add Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Commerce to his title. The position has been vacant since Bill Noll, current Commissioner of Commerce, left the post to work as the Governor's Communications Director.

Davis will continue to serve in his capacity as Banking and Securities Director but share some of the added duties of Deputy with Al Clough, the Department's Juneau-based Deputy. Commerce Commissioner Bill Noll said his Department is simply too big for one Deputy to manage. "When Al and I shared deputy duties we split the important work of the department between us," said Noll. "Since that time, Mark has been filling in where needed and has proven he can manage in the capacity as Director of Banking and Deputy Commissioner."

Commissioner Noll said that Davis offers invaluable expertise and understanding of the business community. "In the last year we've made it easier for businesses to do business in and with the state," said Noll. "Just this year we made it possible for corporations to file articles of incorporation online—a process that used to take 6 weeks now takes about 6 minutes. Mark knows what the business community wants and will help move our department further in that direction."

Mark Davis was appointed Director of the Division of Banking and Securities in 2003.

Davis has worked for the last 30 years in the public and private sectors of the legal profession in both Alaska and Washington D.C.

Davis has a long, accomplished resume. A few notables include Special Assistant U.S. Attorney; Partner with Davis & Davis, P.C.; Trial Attorney, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Antitrust Division; a member of the litigation team in Amerada Hess, the State's oil royalty case.

He received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University later receiving his Juris Doctorate from Stanford Law School with Graduate work from Oxford University.

The Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development includes the Divisions of Banking and Securities, Investments, Insurance, Occupational Licensing and Community Advocacy.

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